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E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: ASEC ABLD

SUBJ: SECURITY LIGHTING AT BEIRUT NOB

REF: TELCON BAQUET/WEBER 1/10/78

- 1. DURING THE RECENT SERIES OF ROCKET ATTACKS UPON THE EGYPTIAN CHANCERY IN BEIRUT, THE TERRORISTS WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE USED THE GROUNDS OF OUR NOB SITE AS AN ESCAPE ROUTE. THE PERPETRATORS WERE FOLLOWED BY ELEMENTS OF THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) WHO SEARCHED THE GROUNDS AND THE BUILDING ITSELF.
- 2. THE UNIT COMMANDER EXPRESSED CONCERN, BECAUSE OF THE POOR LIGHTING, THAT THE BUILDING COULD BE USED AS A LAUNCHING SITE FOR FURTHER ATTACKS UPON THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WHICH IS IN LINE OF SIGHT OF OUR BUILDING.
- 3. AS THESE ATTACKS UPON THE EGYPTIANS CONTINUED (SEE PARA 6, 77 BEIRUT 6449), THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ADF CONTACTED THE RSO REQUESTING THAT WE DO WHAT WE COULD TO IMPROVE THE LIGHTING AROUND THE SITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH FOR SECURITY OF THE EGYPTIANS AND OURSELVES.

4. FOLLOWING THIS REQUEST RSO/ADM/GSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH LOCAL CONTRACTOR WHO PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF \$2,000.00 TO IMPROVE SECURITY LIGHTING AT NOB. THIS ESTIMATE PROVIDES FOR A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF FLOOD LIGHTS, MOUNTED ON THE BUILDING

ITSELF TO ILLUMINATE THE STRUCTURE, GROUNDS AND PERIMETER. RSO/ADM/GSO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL COST EFFECTIVE FROM BOTH SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINTS.

5. POST THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT FBO PROVIDE REQUESTED FUNDS (\$2,000.00) TO INITIATE PROJECT ASAP. PARKER

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